



Welcome to the Official Newsletter of the Seabird Protection Network!

It has been an eventful year and we would like to update you on the status of seabirds in our region as well as share some recent successes of the Seabird Protection Network.

North Central Coast marine protected areas go into effect April 2010 – the Fish and Game Commission approved the Integrated Preferred Alternative of marine protected areas (MPAs) for the North Central Coast on August 5, 2009. New Special Closures surrounding seabird colonies and marine mammal haul-outs are creating more protection for seabirds and mammals along our coast! For more information visit <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa>

The Seabird Protection Network is setting the stage to expand south – the Bureau of Land Management is poised to receive funding to carry out similar seabird protection efforts in southern California – Point Sur to the end of Ventura County plus the northern Channel Islands (Anacapa, San Miguel, Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa).

These important steps toward further seabird protection in California could not have come at a better time. In 2009 seabirds had particularly low breeding successes and problems with human-related disturbance activities. We appreciate your continued support! Remember recommended actions to make your next flight along the California coast or outing on the water “Seabird Safe!” Although seabirds will always face a multitude of stressors, with YOUR help we can continue our work to reduce human disturbance to wildlife.

Thank you,

The Seabird Protection Network Team - Mai, Sage, Angela & Karen

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